

Patent claims

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1. Voice control system with a microphone array comprising a plurality of microphones for converting voice commands into electrical signals, and with a central speech recognition unit for converting these electrical signals into operational commands, **characterized** in that the microphones are distributed between different appliances which are connected to one another in such a way that the signals generated by the microphones can be transmitted to the central speech recognition unit.

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2. System according to Claim 1, **characterized** in that the appliances are connected via a bidirectional network.

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3. System according to Claim 2, **characterized** in that the bidirectional network is based on an IEEE 1394 bus.

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4. System according to Claim 1, **characterized** in that one or more microphones are integrated in a consumer electronics reproduction appliance, in particular television set, and one or more further microphones are integrated in external loudspeakers.

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